

# Reporting Environmental Violations



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# What We Do

**O**ur mission is to improve the environment and protect human health by ensuring compliance with environmental laws and regulations, preventing pollution and promoting environmental stewardship.

An effective environmental protection system requires a strong and vigorous enforcement program. EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) has striven to protect human health and the environment. Using an appropriate combination of enforcement and compliance assistance, we and our partners prevent and reduce pollution, thereby protecting human health and the environment.





## How You Can Help

Americans rely on EPA to protect the land, air and water. In its 35 years as a federal agency, EPA has changed the way each of us looks at how our own actions can make a difference. Most importantly, the citizens of this nation are seeing themselves as the custodians of their environment and they have become aware of how their actions can affect the health and welfare of their communities.

Assuring compliance with the environmental laws of our nation is one of EPA's primary commitments. In carrying out this responsibility, we use many different approaches. One of them is to seek help from citizens by asking them to provide us with information about potentially harmful environmental activities in their communities and workplaces. This has led to state and federal enforcement cases and ultimately served environmental protection well.

We invite you to help us protect  
our nation's environment  
by identifying and reporting  
environmental violations.

Signs of possible environmental violations  
that you might observe:

**Signs of Possible Violations:**

- ◆ Strong, offensive, or unusual chemical odors
- ◆ Large numbers of dead animals, including birds or fish
- ◆ Pipes or valves that bypass waste water treatment systems
- ◆ Tank trucks discharging into drains, manholes or surface waters
- ◆ Oily slicks on bodies of water
- ◆ Corroded, leaking waste containers
- ◆ Barrels dumped at odd hours in out-of-the-way places

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To report possible violations  
of environmental laws, go to:

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Information reported to us will be referred to EPA environmental enforcement personnel or to the appropriate regulatory authority that can best address the concerns.





## Report a Violation!

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